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District: 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TASSAJARA MEDIAN BARRIER PROJECT ON U.S. HIGHWAY 101 NORTH OF THE CUESTA GRADE NOW UNDERWAY

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Construction on a safety project to install a median barrier on U.S. Highway 101 from south of Tassajara Creek (north of the Cuesta Grade) to just south of the Hwy. 101/58 Interchange in Santa Margarita will continue next week.

Motorists will encounter a closure of the **northbound No. 1 (fast lane)** during the overnight hours beginning **Tuesday night, Sept. 3 through Friday morning, Sept. 6 from 6 pm to 11:55 am.**

In addition, the **southbound No.1 (fast lane)** of U.S. Highway 101 near Tassajara Creek will be closed during the overnight hours beginning **Tuesday, Sept. 3 from 7 pm to 5 am.**

Motorists can expect intermittent daytime closures on southbound Hwy. 101 near Tassajara Creek beginning **Monday, Sept. 16 from 9 am to 3 pm.** The majority of construction work in the southbound lanes is expected to take place during the overnight hours **from 7 pm to 5 am.**

These lane closures are expected to take place Sunday night through Friday mornings until October.

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Motorists can expect delays not to exceed 15 minutes. Caltrans will activate Electronic Message Boards to inform the public about current traffic conditions. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will be present to ensure a safe condition for everyone.

When completed, this safety project will reduce the potential of vehicles going over the median metal beam guardrail, reduce the potential for head-on collisions and improve the sight distance at Tassajara Creek Road.

The contractor for this \$2 million project is CalPortland Construction of Santa Maria, CA. This project is expected to be completed next summer.

The public may view real-time traffic conditions on the central coast at:

<http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

The public may also view live streaming video of the Hwy. 101/58 Interchange and on Hwy. 101 at Curbaril Avenue at:

<http://video.dot.ca.gov/>

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway construction zones.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm.



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